

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7763

Joint Petition of Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc.)
and Vermont Transco LLC (collectively, "VELCO") and)
Central Vermont Public Service Corporation ("CVPS") for)
a certificate of public good pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248)
authorizing the construction of the Bennington Substation)
Project, including: (1) the construction of a new VELCO)
Bennington substation and a new CVPS substation at a new)
location; (2) the removal of VELCO's existing Bennington)
substation; (3) the modification of the existing CVPS)
Woodford Road substation; (4) the installation of a)
temporary CVPS switch; and (5) the construction of)
associated transmission plant, all in the Town of)
Bennington, Vermont)

Order entered: 9/30/2011

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM
AND SCHEDULING ORDER

On August 17, 2011, Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. and Vermont Transco LLC (collectively, "VELCO") and Central Vermont Public Service Corporation ("CVPS") filed a joint petition with the Public Service Board ("Board") requesting a certificate of public good under 30 V.S.A. § 248 to construct the Bennington Substation Project, including: (1) the construction of a new VELCO Bennington substation and a new CVPS substation at a new location; (2) the removal of VELCO's existing Bennington substation; (3) the modification of the existing CVPS Woodford Road substation; (4) the installation of a temporary CVPS switch; and (5) the construction of associated transmission plant, all in the Town of Bennington, Vermont.

On September 28, 2011, I held a prehearing conference in this Docket. Appearances were entered by: William B. Piper, Esq., Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer PC, on behalf of VELCO; Morris L. Silver, Esq., on behalf of CVPS; Sheila Grace, Esq., on behalf of the

Vermont Department of Public Service ("DPS"); and Donald J. Einhorn, Esq., on behalf of the Agency of Natural Resources ("ANR").

During the prehearing conference, VELCO indicated that it would file its plan for decommissioning existing structures.

At the prehearing conference, the parties developed the following schedule, which I adopt as set forth below:

October 14, 2011	Initial Discovery Served on VELCO by DPS and ANR
October 28, 2011	Responses to Initial Discovery
November 3, 2011	Site Visit/Public Hearing
November 18, 2011	Deadline for Motions to Intervene ¹
November 18, 2011	Second Round Discovery Served on VELCO by DPS and ANR
December 2, 2011	Responses to Discovery
December 16, 2011	Parties File Stipulation, if any, OR VELCO Files a Status Report with a proposed or stipulated schedule for the remainder of the proceeding.
Week of January 16, 2012	Tentative Technical Hearing (if stipulation is filed)

SO ORDERED.

1. The parties shall have ten calendar days to file a response to any motions to intervene.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 30th day of September, 2011.

s/Bridgette Remington
Bridgette Remington, Esq.
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: September 30, 2011

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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